

Please add the following new claims:

53. (New) An isolated polynucleotide variant having at least 70% polynucleotide sequence identity to said isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1.

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54. (New) An isolated polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the complement of said isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1.

55. (New) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to said isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1.

56. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 which is DNA or RNA.

57. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 56, wherein said DNA is cDNA.

58. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 56, wherein said RNA is mRNA.

59. (New) A labeled nucleic acid molecule, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 is labeled with a detectable marker.

60. (New) The labeled nucleic acid molecule of Claim 59, wherein said detectable marker is selected from the group consisting of a radioisotope, a fluorescent compound, a bioluminescent compound, a chemiluminescent compound, a metal chelator and an enzyme.

61. (New) A vector comprising said isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1.

62. (New) A host vector system comprising said vector of Claim 61 in a suitable host cell.